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OBAMA SAYS ‘I DO’ TO GAY MARRIAGE

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MBTA, Google team up on indoor maps

BOSTON. Navigating your way through the MBTA tunnels and stations while underground is about to get a whole lot easier.

T officials announced yesterday that through a partnership with Google Indoor Maps, the MBTA will become the first transit system in the nation to offer a way to see station features such as stairs, escalators, elevators, entrances, and exits to help guide them through the system.

Sorry, fanboys

For now, the maps will be offered to Android customers, according to officials.

According to a press release, the initiative will use the familiar "blue dot" used on Google Maps, except underground and at select T stations.

Google Indoor Maps are available in two-dozen stations including Park Street, South Station and Downtown Crossing.

Using turn-by-turn directions, the features will prevent riders from getting lost when switching trains, and help them get to the next platform with ease. METRO/SA

Joyrider's joy short lived: Boy crashes across street

Eight-year-old boy takes BMW for a ride Expensive car crashes into neighbor's home Surprise! He isn't the first kid to make a mistake

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

The porch of this Dorchester home is being held up by support columns after an 8-year-old drove a car into it yesterday.

An 8-year-old boy may have a career as a demolition derby driver after he crashed a car into a Dorchester home yesterday morning.

Fire crews responded to the crash at 64 Mascot St., just before 8:30 a.m.

When they arrived they found a BMW 328i that had backed through the front porch of the home.

The boy was out of the car and back home by the time emergency crews arrived.

He was not seriously hurt.

Fire officials said the boy managed to back the car out of a driveway, across the narrow street and between two parked cars before hitting the porch.

Firefighters had to install support columns because the crash damaged a stone foundation and the porch roof was in danger of possibly collapsing. Building inspectors were called to the scene. Fire officials estimated damage at $80,000.

As repair crews worked on the home, the owner walked away and declined comment to a reporter.

However, he briefly said that he planned on insurance covering the damages to his home and that he was glad no one was seriously hurt.

No one answered the door at the child's home yesterday.

Police said that they spoke to the boy's mother who told them that he was responsible for the crash.

"According to the owner, her son started the car which was in her driveway [and] placed it into reverse," police said.

The homeowner was home at the time and heard the crash. When he came outside to see what happened, he saw a young boy running from the scene, police said.

The boy was taken to Boston Medical Center as a precaution.

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Stupid kids

- **A father in Orlando, Fla.,** was arrested last year after a neighbor saw his 18-month-old son drinking from beer cans outside the home.
- **In another case** of youth drivers, a 4-year-old boy took his mother's SUV for a joyride in California and crashed it after driving briefly through rush-hour traffic. He was not badly hurt.
- **A toddler in Australia** became stuck inside a toy vending machine game earlier this year when he crawled inside. It actually wasn't the first time it happened. A Pennsylvania girl did the same thing in 2010.

Parents no better

- **Police in Fort Wayne,** Ind., this week arrested a couple for allegedly strapping their four children to the hood of the car with a tow strap before leaving a liquor store. Both parents have been charged with neglect and the father with driving while intoxicated.
- **Two Florida grandparents** were arrested in April after police say they hooked their granddaughter's plastic toy car to their SUV using dog leashes and gave her a ride. The grandfather was charged with driving under the influence, child endangerment and driving with a suspended license and the grandmother is facing a child endangerment charge.

In the news

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Number of cats a Tewksbury man is accused of killing. According to the Lowell Sun, 28-year-old Fabio Finn is facing five counts of animal cruelty for allegedly killing his girlfriend's felines. A sixth cat is missing, according to the report. METRO

Today's local tweet

"I'd (seriously) love to hear how the MBTA protestors [sic] would fix the MBTA without raising fares or cutting service."

@CLARKLESPARKLE RESPONDING TO ONGOING PROTESTS OUTSIDE THE STATE HOUSE IN REGARDS TO THE PENDING FARE INCREASES COMING DOWN THE TRACKS THIS SUMMER.

Guzman

Cops nab T spitter

BOSTON. Police arrested a man wanted for spitting on an T driver April 18.

According to reports, Rafael Guzman, 21, of Roxbury was arrested yesterday and charged with assault on an T employee and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Guzman is accused of spitting on the driver of the Route 28 bus from Ruggles Station to Mattapan Station.

Police said Guzman boarded the bus, refused to pay the fare, and then assaulted the driver before fleeing with an accomplice. METRO

Cell phone theft alert

GREATER BOSTON. Police in Boston, Brookline and Cambridge issued an alert yesterday for people to be aware of a rash of street robberies in which suspects attack people for their smartphones.

Police said they've identified an "ongoing regional pattern" in the three cities that mirrors a national trend.

In nearly all of the incidents people were distracted by talking on their phone or wearing headphones when they were robbed. METRO

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Attorneys for Chuck Turner seek new trial

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▶ A lone supporter, who withheld her name, stood outside of former City Councillor Chuck Turner's appeal hearing in South Boston yesterday.

As former city Councilor Chuck Turner sat in a West Virginia prison cell, his lawyer yesterday argued that the outspoken activist should get a new trial.

A panel of judges for the First Circuit Court of Appeals heard oral arguments concerning Turner's appeal during a hearing in South Boston yesterday.

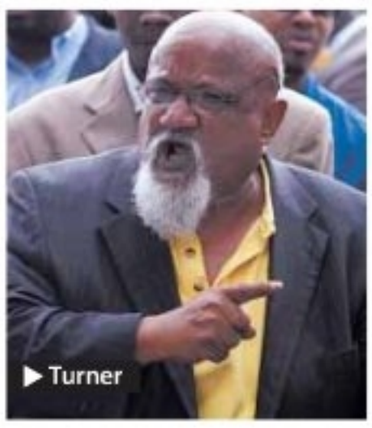
At issue are Judge Douglas Woodlock's instructions to the jurors who found Turner, 71, guilty of corruption and lying to federal agents.

Charles Rankin, an attorney arguing for Turner's new trial, said Woodlock should have explained the difference between a gratuity payment and a bribe to induce favorable treatment from Turner.

"The need to explain to the jury the distinction between those two things was critical," Rankin said.

Kelly Lawrence, an assistant U.S. attorney, said the instructions were sufficient and clear and that Turner knew we has accepting a bribe in advance of his actions that the informant expected would be beneficial.

Lawrence cited a conversation Turner had with the informant who told Turner "you take care of me, I'll take care of you. I'll see you again," was proof enough for the jury.



▶ Turner

"Those were the words that proved extortion was occurring, that it wasn't just a gratuity," Lawrence said. "There's ample evidence that Mr. Turner was advancing his actions on behalf of" the informant.

A decision could take months.

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▶ Employees and supporters of MassEquality celebrate in their Boston office after hearing that President Obama backs same-sex marriage.

Gay rights groups react to president's support

President Barack Obama's statement yesterday that he supports same-sex marriage caused excitement among local gay rights organizations.

"It's hard to imagine anything more significant to ... marriage equality ... than the most powerful leader in the world declaring his support for the right to marry for all Americans," said MassEquality Executive Director Kara Suffredini.

Obama's statement comes just ahead of Boston's Pride Week scheduled for June 1-10.

"As [a community that] every day faces discrimination in this country and around the world, we appreciate President Obama's willingness to take this courageous stand," Pride Week organizers said. "We look forward to the day that all Americans have the right to marry their partner, regardless of gender or orientation."

Gov. Deval Patrick also released a statement: "The president's words today give same-sex couples across the country still awaiting [the same rights and protections as every other family, including health care benefits and hospital visits] a powerful reason to feel hopeful," Patrick said. METRO/MN

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Obama is first president to support gay marriage

In an historic announcement, President Barack Obama said yesterday he believes same-sex couples should be allowed to marry, taking a stand on a divisive issue that is likely to please his political base and upset conservative voters.

"It is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married," Obama said in an interview with ABC's Robin Roberts.

Obama's comments came three days after Vice President Joe Biden said in a television interview that he was comfortable with gay marriage, and one day after North Carolina voters amended that state's constitution to ban it.

The comments made Obama the first American president to publicly express his support for gay marriage.

Pressure had built on the Democrat president to clarify his views after Biden and other Cabinet members spoke out in favor of allowing gays and lesbians to wed — a touchy topic in a year in which Obama's race against Republican Mitt Romney in the Nov. 6 election is expected to be close.

ABC said Obama described his views as personal and still believed that U.S. states should be able to decide on the issue. Romney opposes same-sex marriage but supports hospital visitation rights and other domestic partnership benefits for gay and lesbian couples.

A Gallup poll released earlier this week indicated that half of Americans believe same-sex couples should have the same right to wed as heterosexuals while 48 percent do not. Gallup said the results "underscore just how divided the nation is on this issue.".

Obama, who ended the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that prevented gays from serving openly in the military, said watching members of his staff who are in committed same-sex relationships and thinking about "soldiers or airmen or marines or sailors who are out there fighting on my behalf and yet feel constrained" had affected his thinking. **REUTERS**

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▶ President Barack Obama made a shift in his evolving position on the issue that is likely to please his political base.

NC bans it

North Carolina voters approved a state constitutional amendment that bans same-sex marriage and civil unions, dealing a blow to efforts across the United States to expand gay marriage rights.

News in brief

'Awesome' AOL surprises Wall St.

NEW YORK. AOL Inc. reported better-than-expected quarterly results and said it intends to hand over to shareholders 100 percent of the proceeds from its patent sales to Microsoft.

Earnings blew past Wall Street forecasts, and revenue topped estimates despite lower premium ad sales in the United States.

AOL shares rose 3.6 percent to $26.52 in morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday after the results.

Needham & Co. analyst Laura Martin described the quarter as "awesome," citing the shareholder return among one of the biggest reasons. **REUTERS**

Michele Bachmann becomes Swiss

WASHINGTON. Republican U.S. Representative Michele Bachmann, a former White House hopeful and a favorite of the conservative Tea Party movement, has a new political option: She can run for office in Switzerland. Bachmann, whose husband is Swiss, recently activated her right to become a dual U.S.-Swiss citizen along with three of their five children.

"Congresswoman Bachmann's husband is of Swiss descent so she has been eligible for dual-citizenship since they got married in 1978," said Bachmann's press secretary Becky Rogness. **REUTERS**

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A day to capture for generations to come

On Tuesday, May 15, Metro readers worldwide are invited to take part for one day in "the largest collaborative photography project in history."

Aday.org asks pro and amateur photographers on one day only this month to take their cameras and capture moments in their daily life. Organizers literally want to get a snapshot of the world we now live in.

"We are encouraging millions to photograph their daily life that will give millions of perspectives for immediate exploration and historic reflection," Ayperi Karabuda Ecer, editor-in-chief of Aday.org, told Metro.

This global event, lauded by luminaries such as Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu and pop artist Robyn, will see millions of images generated for what organizers hope will give a "planetary message for the future."

"This will be an unprecedented mixture of capturing the energy of one single day with preserving it for generations to come," said Ecer, who is vice president of pictures at Reuters and is on sabbatical leave for the Aday.org project.

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Your photo, a better world.

Hundreds of Aday.org photo experts, including some 30 World Press Photo winners, now plan what they'll capture on the day.

Photographers must take their images on May 15 and will have one week to upload onto the Aday.org website. The photographs will then be posted on a online database, "an 'exploration center' to view what the world has shot," Ecer says.

"A Day in the World", a book with a thousand images from the project, will be published in November. An exhibition will be screened on outdoor screens in city centers worldwide.

"What's interesting for Metro readers is what their photographic viewpoint of their cities will be and how it'll compare in the future," Ecer adds. METRO WORLD NEWS

JULIEN GOLDSTEIN

▶ For some, it's bedtime — for others, it's fun. But for the Aday.org project, it's an insight into our world we now live in.

What to shoot

Participants are asked to photo around three main categories:

- **HOME.** Anything from mealtimes to your cherished household bric-a-brac
- **WORK.** All matters connected to work, whether it's commuting, office banter or simply doing your job
- **CONNECTIONS.** Think how you connect with generations, identity and technology, as well as community and environment.
- **And how to do it:** "Nobody knows what pictures will be iconic or memorable. Use your own memory as a camera, what do you feel strongly about? If your style is sincere it will have impact," Ecer says.

On May 15th 2012 we ask you and photographers all around the world to pick up your cameras and picture what is close to you. Together we will create an unprecedented record of daily life.

Upload a photo, share, compare, join millions of others doing the same. Some images will be selected for a book, others for digital exhibitions. Every single one will be saved for future research and inspiration. Leave your message for the future on May 15th!

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THE WORD

Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Alec Baldwin is looking for career advice, Dolly Parton is skipping her run, Paula Abdul is absolutely against absolutes and Jim Gaffigan is having trouble with Twitter.

@alecbaldwin: When 30 Rock is over, should I: A- do a 30 Rock musical on cruise ships B- join the cast of another existing TV show. C- spin the wheel and try to make movies for a living again. D- lay down and just give up and rake leaves (which I am good at) ????

@Dolly_Parton: If I tried to jog with these boobs, I'd end up with two black eyes! Enjoy the beautiful weather!!

@JimGaffigan: It's really awkward unfollowing someone, I'm thinking of just killing them instead.

@paulaabdul: never been a big fan of absolutes like "you never.." or "they always.." or "no one will ever.." it feels so final hopeless.

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Christina's still a fighter

You know "The Voice" has arrived in the world of reality TV when its feuding judges are making more headlines than the contestants. Jermaine Paul may have been crowned the winner Tuesday night, but all eyes were on **Christina Aguilera**.

Aguilera was what some called out as extra harsh with contestant **Tony Lucca** — a fellow "Mickey Mouse Club" alum — and it reportedly led to problems with Lucca's mentor on the show, Maroon 5 frontman **Adam Levine**. "You could cut the tension with a knife," a source tells UsMagazine.com of Monday night's taping. "Adam also talks a ton of s— about Christina and makes fun of her behind her back."

▶ Aguilera

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While Christina claims it's not personal and doesn't even remember Lucca from their Disney days, another Mouseketeer isn't so sure. "**Britney** was in love with [Lucca]. Christina was in love with him. **Mylin** [Brooks] was in love with him," **Dale Godboldo** tells TMZ. "All of this ['Voice'] madness was not brought on by Tony."

Christina reportedly apologized backstage to Lucca for the drama, but come on — this is the closest thing a child star has to walking into her high school reunion hot. If she needs to spin around in her scary "Voice" space chair and pretend not to recognize the chubby quarterback begging for approval in front of her, we say go for it.

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▶ Gabel will soon go by Laura Jane Grace.

Against Me! singer comes out as transgender

Tom Gabel, founder and singer of punk rock group Against Me!, will soon undergo hormone treatments and begin living as a woman.

"I'm going to have embarrassing moments, and that won't be fun," Gabel says in an interview with Rolling Stone. "But that's part of what talking to you is about — is hoping people will understand, and hoping they'll be fairly kind."

Gabel will remain married to her wife **Heather**, and take the name **Laura Jane Grace**.

Members of Gaslight Anthem were quick to show support on the band's surprisingly touching Tumblr (where all posts are signed "Gossip Girl"). "So Tom's gonna be Laura now… and in 2012 I still find people on the Internet commenting on another persons life how they insult and condemn a person for his choices," they wrote. "You can't hate them, and they have the right, here in America, to make their own choices and live their lives free of prejudice. So go live, Tom."

Beyonce talks motherhood

Beyonce is enjoying motherhood so much that she's already planning to have more kids, she tells Entertainment Tonight. "I have such a full life," she says of life with **Blue Ivy Carter**. "I feel like now I know the reason that I was born."

That's the difference between Beyonce and us. We would have considered "Single Ladies" the accomplishment of a lifetime — a reason to get out of bed for at least another five years — but then she goes and creates a human.

Talking points

Another suit against Travolta

A second unidentified man has filed a $2 million sexual battery suit against **John Travolta**, according to Radar Online. The new accusation centers on a massage session in an Atlanta hotel during which a naked Travolta allegedly behaved in a sexually aggressive and forceful manner. The new accuser claims to have "substantial documentation and numerous witnesses regarding the substance of Travolta's actions," according to the lawsuit. The second man is being represented by the same lawyer who brought forward another man's accusations late last week that the actor made unwanted sexual advances during a massage. Travolta's lawyer calls the second lawsuit "as absurd and ridiculous as the first one."

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▶ Travolta

Justin Bieber is a grad

Justin Bieber can add high school graduate to his list of accomplishments, he tells the Daily Telegraph. "I just finished high school," says Bieber, who managed to squeeze in time for classes and studying while on the road. "I passed my test. I'm free! It was hard doing school and work every day." So why was finishing school so important to the top-selling pop sensation? "[Getting my degree] was something my mom really wanted me to do, so I had to do it for her," he says.

Sambora and Richards back on

Five years after splitting up, **Richie Sambora** and **Denise Richards** are back together, they confirm to Us Weekly. And it turns out Richards' recent adoption of a baby girl helped win Sambora over again. "When she did that, it just made me fall in love with her more," he says.

Dustin Hoffman saves jogger

Dustin Hoffman jumped into action after seeing a jogger collapse in London from a heart attack, calling paramedics and staying by the man's side until he was OK, according to the Sun. "I have no memory of what happened," the man, Sam Dempster, says. "The paramedics told me I had been saved by Dustin Hoffman. It's unbelievable."

All the pretty ladies — and Jack Black

1: How adorable did **Elizabeth Banks** look at the Tuesday night premiere of "What To Expect When You're Expecting"? The answer you're looking for: So adorable.

2: We know "Up All Night" co-stars **Will Arnett** and **Christina Applegate** are just playing around here, but would you want your husband looking into those sparkly eyes? **Amy Poehler**, you're a better woman than us.

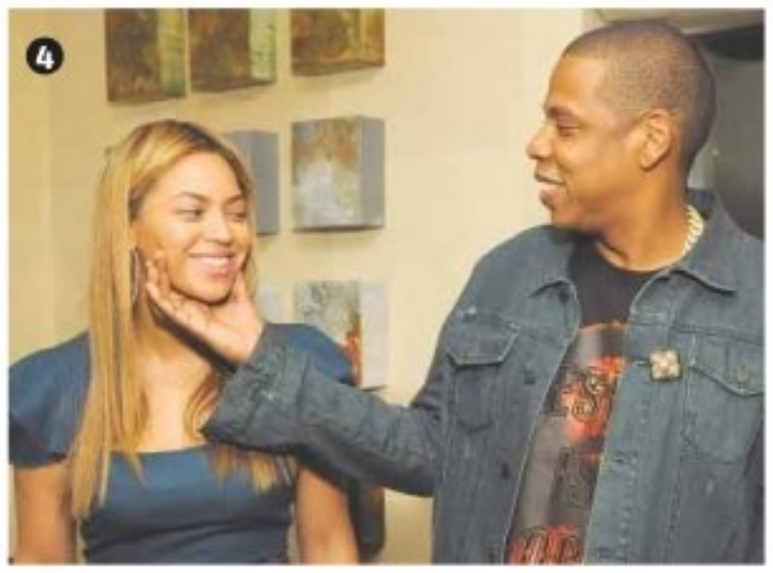
3: Jill Scott and **Janelle Monae** were posing pretty at the after-party for "VH1 Storytellers Presents: Jill Scott Live" on Tuesday night in New York.

4: After owning the red carpet at the Met Gala on Monday night, **Beyonce** kept it casual on Tuesday with **Jay-Z** for a book launch party in New York.

5: This is exactly what we expect **Jack Black** to look like in a gym. The actor was courtside at Tuesday's Lakers game.

6: We're not as in love with **Cameron Diaz**'s "What to Expect" ensemble. Good thing she looks like, you know, Cameron Diaz.

7: On Tuesday in London, **Kate Middleton** reminded the world how hard she can rock a conservative white dress.



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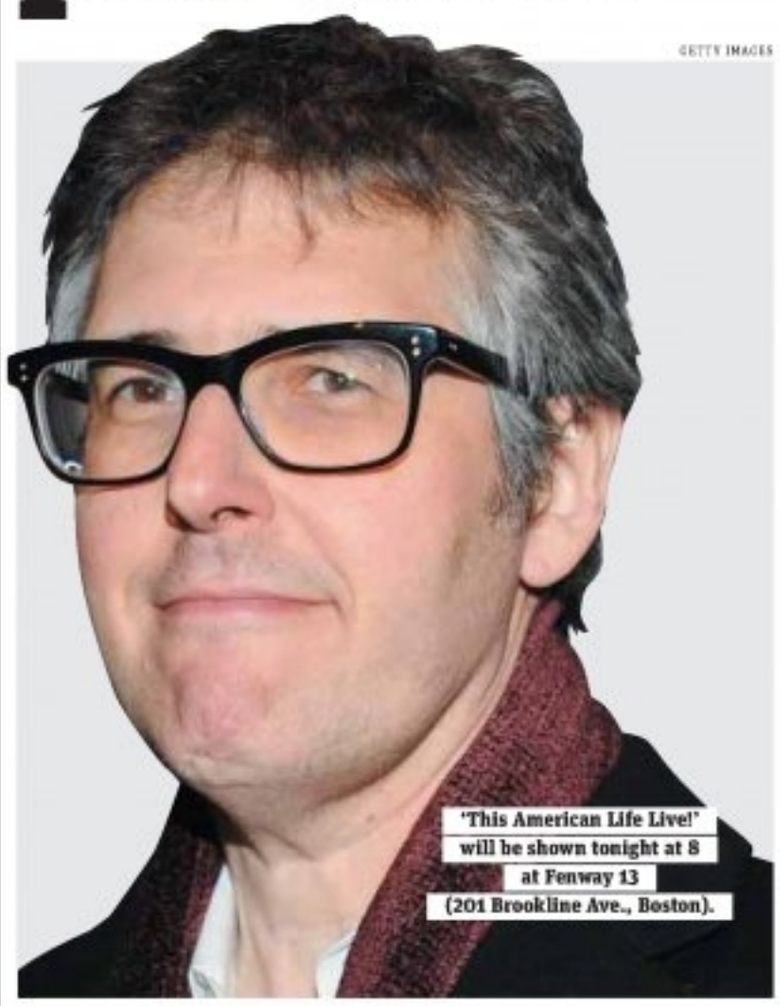
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'This American Life Live!' will be shown tonight at 8 at Fenway 13 (201 Brookline Ave., Boston).

For 'This American Life Live!' in cinemas tonight, host Ira Glass is all for 'The Invisible Made Visible'

Ira Glass is a touchy talker. You wouldn't necessarily know this from listening to his voice coming through your radio or earbuds every week. But several times throughout a 40-minute conversation, the host of "This American Life" literally reaches out to engage, with a "whaddaya make of that?" light knee slap or an "I know! Isn't that crazy?" forearm squeeze.

But tonight, Glass is all about showing the sorts of things that don't come through speakers, as he hosts a live two-hour presentation of "This American Life" that will beam into more than 500 cinemas nationwide.

"It's a completely unnecessary extravaganza," he says, proudly, before rattling off highlights that include animations, dancers, a short film from Mike Birbiglia — with whom Glass co-wrote the upcoming feature "Sleepwalk With Me" — a reading from David Sedaris and an interactive performance from OK Go.

"The last time we did this, we had 50,000 people in theaters all over North America, and this time, we expect more," says Glass as he scrolls through his iPhone to share an app that was especially made for the 50,000-plus that Glass expects.

"We're going to have everyone play a song together based on musical cues coming up on the screen," he says. "So everyone will play a song along with OK Go."

Glass seems keenly aware that there might be a difference between the tech preferences of somebody who listens to "This American Life" on National Public Radio and somebody who downloads the podcast version every week.

"People who don't have a smartphone will do rhythm," he says.

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'Got anything about chickens?'

The theme of tonight's show is "The Invisible Made Visible," but Glass says that wasn't the initial idea.

"The theme was going to be 'Things You Can't Do on the Radio,' but it's hard to write stories about that," he says. "All of the writers are just like, 'I don't know if I've got anything."

How often does that sort of thing happen?

"That happens a lot, but we've got enough people, where if we say, 'Got anything about chickens?' somebody usually does," he says.

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4 'The Five-Year Engagement'
Jason Segel and Emily Blunt dodge obstacles en route to getting hitched.

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▶ Johnny Depp stars in "Dark Shadows."

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Are you ready to move in together?

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▶ Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds are already playing house.

Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively have bought a home together. It sounds like fun, doesn't it? They met on the set of "The Green Lantern" and have been moving forward as a couple ever since. It's easy to get swept up in the romance of it all, especially the idea of playing house. But they — and anyone at their stage of dating — must have asked themselves: How long do you wait before you decide to become mates … as in roommates?

Taking that step sometimes feels seamless because you are spending so much time together anyway. Maybe he's cleared out a drawer for you already, or maybe he goes home only once a week to water his plants and gather his mail. How different could living together possibly be? The answer is … very.

There are a few points you should be aware of before becoming domestic partners, because that very term implies that you will share not just the love, but also the housework, the bills, the pet care, the lawn work, the actual square footage and whatever else goes along with cohabitating.

Talk before you start packing those boxes. Make sure you both understand what it will entail — it's more than just breakfasts in bed. Understand that moving in brings an accountability factor that wasn't there before, and expectations of each other will change. Discuss how you plan to share the responsibilities, whether they are financial or practical. It is important to have a plan about how you are going to proceed.

Hopefully Ryan and Blake have already worked out some of these details.

— Relationship expert ***Dr. Jane Greer*** *is the creator of* ***"Shrink Wrap"*** *– national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of* ***"Let's Talk Sex"*** *at* ***Healthylife.net.*** *Her book,* ***"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"*** *is available nationwide.*

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Readers fight back on gay marriage

RE: OUT AND PROUD AGAINST GAY RIGHTS": If gay marriage repulses you then don't have one. Otherwise, mind your own business and let the rest of society get over what most citizens see as a non-issue. **KEVIN TAYLOR, VIA E-MAIL**

I find David Bowman repulsive. I am firmly opposed to David Bowman having the legal right to marry. However, just because I personally believe these statements to be true, does not mean that I get to dictate the liberties of my fellow Americans. **S. KELLY, VIA E-MAIL**

Interracial marriage was illegal until about 50 years ago. 150 years of mindless bigotry; now that's repulsive! **JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL**

I am left to wonder If Mr. Bowman could be capable of any type of intelligible conversation without lacing it with hate and bigotry. It is exactly that kind of vitriolic speech that perpetuates negative stereotypes, bullying, suicides, and general homophobia — though it would appear as if he would not be alarmed by any of those things. **JOEY DAVIS, VIA E-MAIL**

Thank you, David, for sharing your repulsive feelings on love and gay marriage with us. Unfortunately, your feelings do not allow you to dictate my rights or my life. And they never will. **MICHEL SAEWERT, VIA E-MAIL**

Dick and I have been married (completely committed to each other) for 47 years. How can anyone be opposed to what we have had for so long? **BOB SIKSO, VIA E-MAIL**

I hope you see my girlfriend and I walking down the street holding hands one day, and I hope you realize that unless you take the hate out of your heart, you will never experience the love I have. **ALEXIS PIZZINO, VIA E-MAIL**

It must be hard to be an anachronism. **JOSHUA COLLIER, CAMBRIDGE**

History lesson: You should learn it first

RE: "FRENCH FELL FOR SOCIALISM STORIES": In direct counterpoint to Mr. St George, I applaud the 80 percent of the French citizens who turned out to vote out a conservative advocating for budget cuts to elect a leader who advocates taxing the rich at 75 percent and bringing the troops home this year. If we could only be so lucky we might actually have change, but c'est la vie. **COREY SAGENICH, VIA E-MAIL**

Before making political statements, you should familiarize yourself with the difference between social democracy and communism, as well as the definition of socialism. Francois Hollande is pro-capitalism and the free market, just as the United States. **LISA E LASKARIDIS, VIA E-MAIL**

Frank St George does not know the difference between philosophers, totalitarian rule and socialism. Europe has tried the austerity road that Ryan, Romney and the Republicans are pushing. It made things worse. **KATHY KOURIAN, VIA E-MAIL**

The Republican party of the U.S. is closer in policy and politics to the National Socialist Party of Germany than the Socialist Party of France. **CHARLES BOSSE, VIA E-MAIL**

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♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Although certain people may disagree, you're on the right track by viewing a certain situation from an idealist perspective as well as a logical one. It gives you the best of both worlds.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Receiving an invitation to join a certain group might be an ego booster, but before you actually join, it might be wise to find out if you're simpatico with the membership.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Give yourself plenty of time to think about making a major change. Upon further review and consideration, you might discover your first decisions were hasty and unwise.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** It would be wise to make sure that an agreement you've been asked to accept serves the best interest of all parties involved. If there isn't parity, you, along with some others, will suffer.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You should focus on long-term results rather than immediate ones in a business arrangement. If you resort to a mere quick fix, everyone could lose out.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If your priorities are out of order, you might accomplish a bunch of little things but fail to get that big, important something off the ground. Reverse your thinking.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Even though a number of objectives are likely to be achieved, much more could be accomplished if you first check out everything that needs to be done and make a prioritized list.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Although you'll function effectively within your own sphere of operation, you could run into some problems if you try to operate in an area over which you have no control.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** When it comes to meeting your obligations, you should do quite well. However, if you expect any pats on the back for what you accomplish, you'll be sorely disappointed.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Certain contacts you think so highly of aren't likely to be around when you want their help. However, you don't need them, even if you have yourself convinced otherwise.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Take care when it comes to financial matters, because they can be a bit tricky. Be careful you don't get into something that has strings attached, or you'll give back more than you get.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Should a well-intentioned friend turn out to be more of a hindrance than a help, don't hesitate to keep him or her at bay, but do so in a way that keeps the other person blissfully ignorant.
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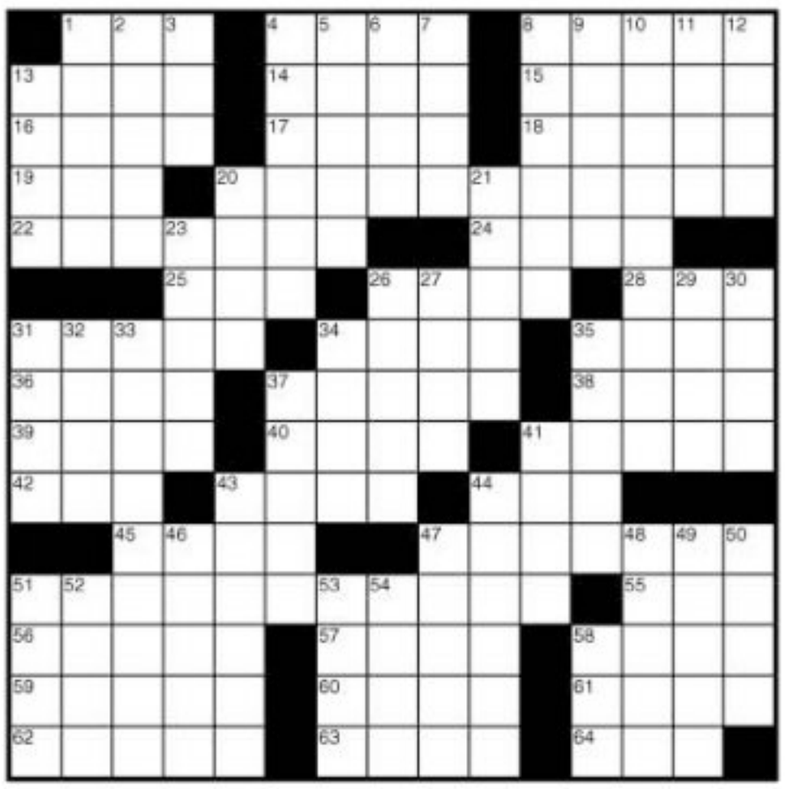

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Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros get 'a little more all-togethery' with their new album ◗ Lead singer Alex Ebert on the Magnetic power of his large crew and their 'more aggressive' next album

Getting there from 'Here'

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▶ Of the number of Zeros, Alex Ebert, far left, says, "Now there's 12 of us. Initially there was 12, or 13, really. And then it got whittled down to 10 for the sake of touring, and now that we can afford to, it's back to 12." Listen to more from Ebert on the May edition of the Metro Monthly Music Podcast, available on iTunes now.

When asked how the writing process differed between "Up From Below," the 2009 debut from Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros, and their upcoming album, "Here," singer Alex Ebert is quick to give credit to the 11 other members of his band.

"It was a little more all-togethery," he says. "We all sat around and worked on arrangements together."

Ebert may have just coined the phrase "all-togethery" on-the-spot, but it's quite an accurate description. A few of the songs on "Here" don't even feature a lead vocal and are more like group sing-alongs.

"As we became a band, over the last three years, doing all these radio sessions, we would sing together in an acoustic environment, really hearing each other," says Ebert.

Like its predecessor, the album is full of fun, funky folk, but with more of a focus.

"I don't tend to put out stuff that has a major thematic through-line," says Ebert. "I tend to do what my detractors would call unfocused albums."

The theme of "Here" seems to be a sort of reckoning with the evils of the world and finding goodness and spirituality within one's self, independent of any organized religion.

"I would say it's an immense amount of defiance in the face of what would otherwise create a dejected character," says Ebert. "Defiance in the will to perceive things as possible and hopeful and to be able to dance through the murder and pain."

Detractors have also used terms like "hippies" and "cult" to describe the big band of Zeros. Ebert doesn't mind.

"A cult is a cult until it becomes popular, and then it's a religion," he reasons. "We do have an ethos, I would say, so in that sense we share some ideas that we tend to agree on, but I don't think that's necessarily any different than a lot of groups of people."

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Far from 'Home'

Because of such a long time touring between albums, Ebert and his crew have come up with so much new material that they have a second new album they hope to release later this year. The style of the as-of-yet untitled album is a departure for the group that became famous for their whistle-along single, "Home."

"It's much more aggressive," says Ebert, "not angsty aggressive but sonically aggressive. ... There is some distortion, which we rarely dabble in. If ever there was an album that I was slightly nervous about delivering, I would say it would be this album. It's a little bit outside the realm that we've played in, but that's always fun to do for yourself. ... We feel quite comfortable putting out anything that we love, knowing that we have these people to share it with, and a growing number of people to share it with, too."

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Like it or hate it, the breathy, elastic voice of this Irish band's singer, Dolores O'Riordan, was one of the defining sounds of '90s alterna-pop, inspiring countless half-baked imitators. The band just dropped a new album, "Roses," last year, and if their sound hasn't evolved much, they're at least still as dreamily affecting as they ever were.

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▶ "With therr tenks and therr bomes..." O'Riordan rocks out.

Active Child

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Active Child, real name Pat Grossi, creates a pleasantly echoey universe of Technicolor electro-pop bliss for his songs to float in, but his greatest strength is his voice, a powerful blue-eyed soul falsetto that brings to mind Michael McDonald in his prime, a resemblance that, considering McDonald's ironic popularity with Grossi's hipster audience, seems weirdly ironic.

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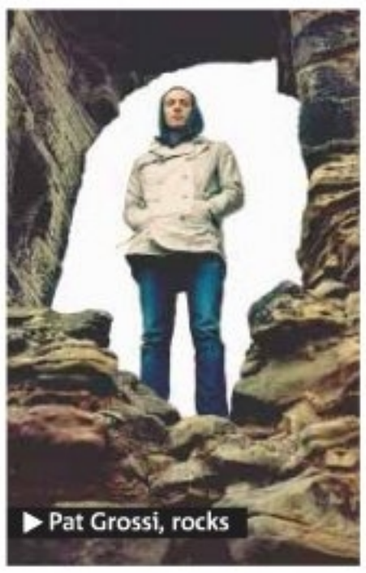

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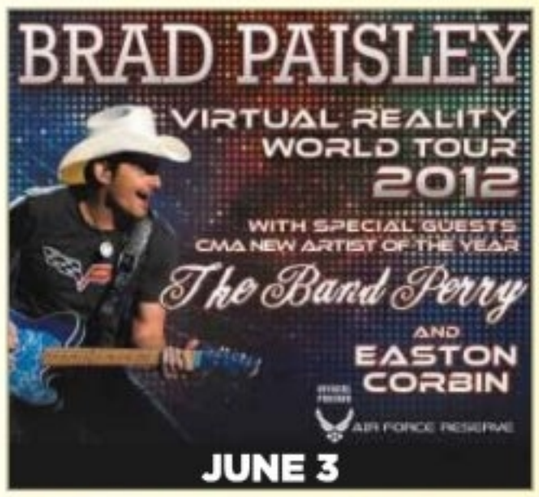

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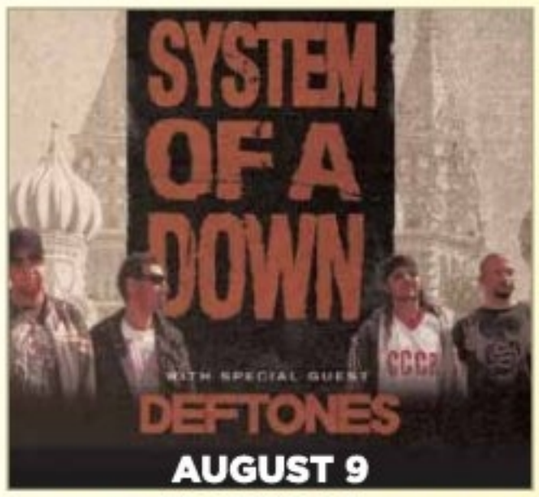

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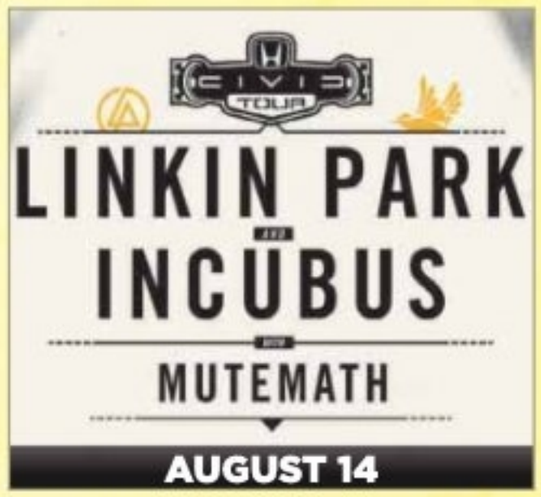

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Spektor as spectator

The singer and piano player talks about having to watch herself online to figure out how her songs go 'From the Cheap Seats' is a more memorable album than she's letting on

When Metro spoke with Spektor last week, she was in Florida, where she says she got a sunburn so bad that her skin was the color of the lipstick she usually wears on stage. "In total denial of the fact that I'm a pale Russian Jew, I went walking for two hours in the sun," she laughs, "and then I was surprised to see that I'm completely lobster red and in crazy pain."

Regina Spektor would really appreciate it if you could put your camera phone videos of her performances up online.

Not only do those videos help her remember how the new songs she is working out in concert go, but they also help her retrieve songs that she forgets how to play.

"In Florida I had to go online and go to YouTube and figure out the chords," she says of a song from her 2009 album, "Far." "I've written so much stuff since then that I've pushed it out of my head."

And as far as the bootlegs of songs in progress go, she says if not for those phone videos, the songs "Patron Saint" and "Open" probably wouldn't have even made it onto her new album, "What We Saw from the Cheap Seats."

"I got lucky that it was up there, actually," she says.

It's hard to believe that the singer would forget the latter song, because its repetition of dramatic inhalation during the chorus seems so instantly memorable. But Spektor does a lot of memorable things to make listeners forget that for most of her album and her live performance it's just her voice and her piano. In the new song, "The Party" she purses her lips together to fake a trumpet part.

"When I wrote it, in my mind it was just a placeholder for a real trumpet," she says. "First of all, it's really fun to do; it's a fun feeling, like even walking around the house being a trumpet. If you bring things from their implied state to a real state, sometimes it becomes better and sometimes, I don't know ... you try to feel what's right for the song."

Spektor says "Cheap Seats" producer Mike Elizondo teased her that when she beat boxes she sounds like a drum machine from the 1980s.

"I do a lot of things, like certain little beats and sounds, because I'm a person with a piano and that's it," she says.

Quoted

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'Cheap Seats' manifesto

Spektor has been touring with Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers for the past few weeks, playing large venues that give the title of her upcoming album new meaning.

"I love Tom Petty so much that I didn't want to be the person that came and their audience didn't like," she says. "But everyone's been so amazing to me."

As for the "Cheap Seats" title, Spektor says it was in her head before she even knew what the album was going to sound like.

"I've been in all kind of seats," she says, "and everything has its beauty, and that's sort of the whole point of the world — you always get something and you let go of something and each thing has its pluses and its minuses."

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Music, mayhem and multimedia madness!

HANS WENDLER

Catch "28 Seeds" now through Saturday at the BCA (539 Tremont St., Boston). For tickets, call 617-933-8600 or visit www.28seeds.org.

Right from the top, "28 Seeds" lets you know "if you've come for the apocalypse, you're in the right place." What they don't mention is by the time you get to the end of the world, you'll have had so much fun you won't even care.

The quirky, steampunk musical has potential cult hit written all over it. Mad scientists, corrupt politicians, do-gooders on the lam, zany social commentary, an F-Canada video and, of course, Walter Sickert & The Army of Broken Toys all collaborate on this wild ride into oblivion.

Sickert and his wonderfully "Dada-esque circus carnival run amuck" band are perfectly suited for this sci-fi tale of damaged inhabitants of a world spiraling out of control. They make it look like fun to be broken.

The plot

Ignorance, corruption and greed at the hands of big corporations and slick politicians are about to end the world. While honest, well-intentioned scientists and beer-swilling fanatics with websites seek to stop the insanity, everyone is left singing "is it really the end of the world?"

Music isn't the only reason to make this long, strange trip, however. Liars & Believers (LAB) bring the band's words to life with an equally unusual but wonderfully theatrical edge. The characters are appropriately over-the-top, the humorous cliches are spot-on and the ensemble delivers with an incredible sense of commitment.

Karin Webb, pictured at left, turns in one of the show's finest performances as a nauseating Kathy Lee-Hoda hybrid newscaster. The veteran performance artist clearly knows how to work a stage and an audience.

Lisa Dempsey is equally impressive as the frightening, power-mad President of the United States, while Ally Tully and Matthew Milo Sergi shine as the good doctors Quincy and Zartosky, respectively.

Music, mayhem and multimedia madness of this magnitude could easily become apocalyptic in its own right without the impressive direction and impeccable attention to detail of Jason Slavick. He makes the end of the world feel like one big party to which all are invited.

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"It's a type of music I've enjoyed listening to, but no more than punk rock or folk music or rock. It's all music." LANEGAN ON THE BLUES

'Funeral' party

While Lanegan's solo records have always been backed by a collection of friends, this one has a skinnier lineup.

"I made my previous record with Alain Johannes," he says. "And after that I knew I would make the next one with him also. Honestly, we really didn't need anyone but him and Jack Irons, but I had a few other people stop by." Most notably Greg Dulli and Josh Homme.

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Interview with a vampire

On 'Blues Funeral,' Mark Lanegan is as dark and snarling as ever
It's a telling preview of a discussion with the prolific frontman

▶ On Sunday night, Mark Lanegan plays The Paradise (967 Comm. Ave., Boston).

Mark Lanegan is one of music's most formidable frontmen. Standing tall, he performs his dark blues ballads with a deep, gravelly voice and soulful, low-end snarl, constantly gripping the mic stand as if he were strangling it into submission. And when it comes to interviews, he is just as intimidating. Notoriously vague, and downright frustrating to talk to, he is short in his answers, divulging as little as possible.

Known through the '90s as the singer for Screaming Trees, Lanegan has become one of the most prolific survivors to rise from the ashes of grunge. Besides his seven solo records, he's made cameos with Queens of the Stone Age, co-wrote songs with Greg Dulli and participated in unlikely collaborations with the Soulsavers and Isobel Campbell.

"They were something I really enjoyed," he says. "Hopefully that will continue. It may not be the things I worked on before, but with God willing, something else will pop up."

Releasing "Blues Funeral" last month, Lanegan returns to his solo project. Eight years after the release of his previous album, his bottom-dwelling bellow sounds like he's back from the grave to tell tales of death with the delivery of a gospel song sung by a sinner. More electronic than ever, his ballads seem to turn a darker shade of blue — bordering on black. But not to Lanegan.

"I don't know, man, I've been singing about the same stuff for 25 years now," he says.

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It's time to turn this mother out

Brunch, schmunch! Take your mom someplace she actually wants to go to get in the spirit on Sunday

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▶ Friends or family can have a good time at dante. To be clear, none of these people are parents of any of the other people in this photo, but they should all take their mothers here.

THURSTY

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In a highly scientific poll I just conducted, 8 out of 10 moms said all they wanted for Mother's Day was to get away from their kids for an hour. And wouldn't it be better with a cocktail than a plate of warm eggs?

Everywhere you turn you'll find Mother's Day deals this weekend, but for the MILTDWs (moms I'd like to drink with) here are a few cocktail options.

At **Red Lantern** they're serving up a cocktail called Mom's Sparkling Bouquet that fits into the traditional motherly stereotype. It's made with Stoli Strasberi, passion fruit, rose water and sparkling rosé. It's pretty and smells good, just like your mom. No offense.

The thinking behind the new recipe at **dante** is, I guess, to return the favor of all those bag lunch sandwiches mom made for you while you were growing up? It's a riff on a fluffernutter, which sounds odd, but it just may work. It's made with Castries Peanut Rum Crème, a surprisingly not-gross-like-it-sounds liqueur, Smirnoff Fluffed Marshmallow vodka and the rim has a peanut butter, fluff and Nutella coating.

Make ma flip out

For moms who like their cocktails a little stiffer, Alex Homans at **Russell House** is mixing up the Lifebringer, made with Hayman's Old Tom Gin, Rotham and Winter Apricot liqueur, Peychaud's bitters and a Herbsaint rinse.

At the **Regal Beagle** and **Church**, beverage director Adam Grushey is serving a cocktail called Mom's Gonna Flip Out, made with Bols Genever (tell her it's basically the mother of gin if she balks), rum, Crème Yvette (the violet berry liqueur), Luxardo Maraschino and an egg white.

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Sox PA voice Beane dies in car crash

The voice of Fenway Park, Carl Beane, died due to injuries sustained in a car accident in Sturbridge, Mass., multiple reports said Wednesday. Beane was 59 years old.

The PA announcer with the deep voice, welcomed fans to Fenway Park with the familiar phrase of "Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to Fenway Park."

Other Beane-isms included "Strrrrrrretch!" during the middle of the seventh inning and the rolling of the "R's" when he would pronounce names like "Manny Ramirez." Beane had occupied the Fenway Park PA booth since 2003 and had a voice remarkably similar to that of longtime Fenway PA announcer Sherm Feller.

MATT BURKE

The must-win that isn't really

Is Game 6 a must-win game for the Celtics?

Trick question. Technically, no, it's not. If the C's lose tonight in Boston (8 p.m., CSNNE), the two sides will play one more time in Atlanta on Saturday. But is a Game 7 on the road — with all the momentum in the Hawks' favor — really a situation the Celtics want to be in?

Nope. Not even close. So tonight is about as must-win as they get, and the Celtics know that.

They know that Rajon Rondo can't decide to show up in the closing minute of the third quarter. They know that at some point, Mickael Pietrus has to hit a shot. They know that Ryan Hollins getting significant minutes is probably not a good look. And finally, they know that if they're going to win, Paul Pierce is going to have a hand in it.

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▶ Ray Allen and the C's are looking to close out Atlanta.

The real question (concern) is how serious is Pierce's knee injury? Had the C's won on Tuesday, Pierce and his other banged-up teammates would have had ample time to rest their bones. They don't have that luxury anymore.

It was pretty clear the knee was bothering Pierce in the second half, as he was a step or two slower and didn't appear to get the lift he wanted on shots.

To make matters worse, the Hawks have a healthy Al Horford back, something they haven't had since the beginning of the regular season. He torched the C's for 19 points and 11 rebounds on Tuesday and looks to be comfortable again out on the court.

Game 5 was one of the more poorly played games (up there with Game 1) for the Celtics, and they can't afford another one tonight. They know what's at stake, and being at home should be all they need to move on the second round against either Philadelphia or Chicago.

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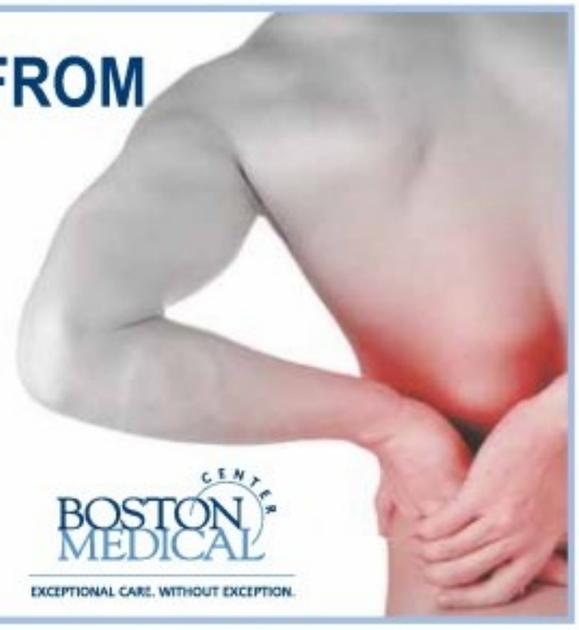

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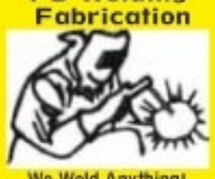

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